

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center
New Castle, DE
Monday, October 12, 2015

Welcome

State Board of Education Executive Director Donna Johnson stated that Dr. Gray, President and P-20 Co-Chair was called out of state on business and would not be able to attend the meeting. Ms. Johnson welcomed Council members as she called the meeting to order.

Members present: Donna Johnson, Peggy Bottorff, Mark DiMaio, Kim Sudler, Steve Yeatman, Fran Riddle, Tanner Polce, Tricia Anne Saunders, Kendall Massett, Debbie Gottschalk, and Michael Watson.

Others present: Kathie Cherry, John Sawyer, Jeff Gibson, Melissa Hopkins, Jacqueline Connor, Atnre Alleyne, and Rebecca Marshall.

P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was noted that a quorum of the Council was present. The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Delaware Disability Hub

Kathie Cherry from the Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional, presented the Delaware Disability Hub. This was a recommendation from the Transition Task Force that was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution 34. The recommendation called for a website to assist students, parents, caregivers, teachers, administrators, providers, social workers and all other interested parties to understand transition and how to access resources. There was a need to develop, support and maintain a centralized hub to improve access to information about transition planning and the DelAWARE DisABILITY HUB website was born from that need. Ms. Cherry noted that the website focuses on:

- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Housing
- It’s My Life!
- Legal
- Transportation
- Understanding My Disability
- Emergency Preparedness

It was also noted that the website will always be evolving and updated. Members of the Council discussed how to disseminate information about this useful tool and resource to teachers, educators and parents.

Ed Prep Score Card

Atnre Alleyne and Rebecca Marshall presented an overview of reports developed for each educational preparation program as aligned with new requirements in Delaware law. In July of 2013, passage of Senate Bill 51 led to amendments to Regulation 290 and created an accountability structure for educator preparation programs. Those score cards will soon be published on the Department's website. All programs are reviewed producing a score card based on a variety of metrics, including:

- –Placement, including rate of placement and placement in high needs schools/areas
- –Retention, in roles and in Delaware schools
- –Outcomes of graduates, including passage rates/scores on licensure assessments and evaluation ratings of graduates
- –Teacher impact on Student Growth

Programs will submit their data to the Department annually. Score cards evaluate performance on fourteen metrics across six domains worth 85 points total. A sample was shared with members of the P-20 Council.

Overview of State Assessment Data and Resources

Michael Watson, Chief Academic Officer for the Department of Education and Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the state assessment data. The Smarter Balanced assessment was administered for the first time last spring and established a new baseline to measure student performance and growth moving forward. The State proficiency rate for English/Language Arts was 51.9% and Mathematics was 38.8%. The Council received information on the proficiency rates by grades tested. The Council viewed a short video that assists parents in understanding score reports for their children. They were also notified of the resources available through DelExcels.org. The Council members offered suggestions on ways to inform parents and the public about the valuable resources that are available.

Closing

Mr. Watson stated that Acting Secretary of Education Godowsky hoped to join the Council for its next meeting noting that Dr. Godowsky is excited about the work of the Council. It was also noted that the 2016 meetings have been scheduled: January 11, 2016, April 11, 2016; July 11, 2016 and June 10, 2016. The meetings will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Buck Library of the Buena Vista Conference Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.